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Hongkong, December 8, 1914. 1577

SCOTTISH CASTLE FIRE.

Three Members of House Party Burned
to Death.

By a disastrous fire which occurred
early on Sunday morning, (Dec. 10) Hor-
bertshire Castle, an old feudal mansion
at Denny, Stirlingshire, and one of the
finest furnished residences in Scotland, has
been almost completely destroyed, while
three ladies have been burned to death.
Herbertshire Castle belonged to Mr.
Charles William Forbes, of Callendar,
Stirlingshire.

The fire was discovered shortly after
5 o'clock by Mrs. Forbes, but by then
the flames had already spread to the
top floor, where the principal bedrooms
were situated, and the means of escape
was completely cut off. Although al-
most overpowered by smoke, Mr. Forbes
succeeded in alarming the household, the
members of which made their way to the
roof of the turret, which stands about
40ft. high. By the ringing of handbells
the inhabitants of the neighbouring
village of Denny were roused, and
running to the assistance of the threat-
ened family with ladders and other ap-
paratus, they succeeded in rescuing Mr.
and Mrs. Forbes, their six children, and
the nurses.

All the servants succeeded in making
their escape by other means, but it was
discovered that three persons were still
missing. These were the Misses Clare
and Cynthia Graham, aged 16 and 14
respectively, daughters of Mr. James
Graham, of Airthrey Castle, and Drums-
burgh-gardens, Edinburgh, who were on
a short visit to Herbertshire Castle, and
Miss Littlejohn, daughter of the late Sir
Henry Littlejohn, of Edinburgh, who
acted as secretary to Mrs. Forbes. Their
apartments were situated on the upper
floors, where the fire was raging most
fiercely, and although the rescuers en-
deavored to reach them they were driven
back, and all three perished in the flames.
Miss Clare Graham would have celebrated
her 16th birthday on Sunday.

The Denny Vale paper mills fire
brigade and the brigades from Falkirk
and Glasgow were summoned, but the
flames spread with such rapidity that
salvage efforts were unavailing, and
little more than the charred and black-
ened walls were left standing. Much
valuable furniture and many valuable
paintings were destroyed, and the loss
is estimated at £12,000 to £15,000.

GRAVE CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

Rome, Dec. 18.

According to reports which have reached
the Austrian frontier, whence they have
been retransmitted here, the situation in
the Dual Monarchy is already critical owing
to the defeat inflicted on it by the Serbians.
It is rendered more serious by internal
disorders which are especially rampant in
Vienna, Budapest, and Prague.

In Vienna a large crowd gathered in the
Ringstrasse and marched to the Ballplatz
to the War Office, uttering loud shouts of
protest against the way in which the war
is being carried on.

In Prague the demonstration assumed a
separatist character in the sense that the
Bohemians do not want their sons killed
for German and anti-Slav interests.

In Budapest the demonstration was more
violent, and assumed the character almost
of a riot. The Rakoczy and Andassy
streets were closed by the police. The
crowd shouted "Down with Potiorek!"
while attempting to reach the Ministry of
Defence in Budapest.—Daily News.

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VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amend-
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such building within the CENTRAL
Division of the City of Victoria, and the
Western Division of Kowloon occupied
by Members of more than one family,
except those with a European Reser-
vation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road
or those parts of a Domestic Building
used as a Shop (See or Godown, must
be CLEANED and LIMEWASHED
THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the
months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in
this Notice means that the houses should be
limewashed in respect of all the Walls of
each Room, all Ceilings, Partitions, Stair
Cases and Stair Landings, all Ceilings and
the Under-sides of Roofs in Main
Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters
and inclusive of Verandahs.

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Walls limewashed up to the level of the
First Floor, Painted or Polished Woodwork
in good condition, however, need not be
limewashed, but must be Cleaned.

The CENTRAL Division of the City
lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street
on the East and Bank Lane and Cleverly
Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the Eastern
and Western Divisions by Nathan Road
and a straight line drawn from the North
end, through the Yumati service reservoir
to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

Dated this 25th January, 1915.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,
Secretary.

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Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915. 79

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NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE has decided that
the following shall be the SETTLE-
MENT days for the year 1915:—

THURSDAY January 28th.

FRIDAY February 26th.

FRIDAY March 26th.

WEDNESDAY April 28th.

FRIDAY May 28th.

FRIDAY June 25th.

WEDNESDAY July 28th.

FRIDAY August 27th.

TUESDAY September 28th.

WEDNESDAY October 27th.

FRIDAY November 26th.

WEDNESDAY December 22nd.

By Order of the Committee,
EDWARD RAYMOND,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915. 80

THE NATIONAL LOAN

of the

THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC
OF CHINA.

SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS
(\$16,000,000)

SUBSCRIBERS to the above LOAN
are hereby notified that, in accordance
with Article V. of the Loan Regulations,
the full amount of Dollars Nine Hundred
and Sixty Thousand (\$960,000), being the
amount of interest on the loan for one
year, has been duly raised by the Ministry
of Finance and the Ministry of Com-
munications, and has been deposited by
the Undersecretary in the following Foreign
Banks, namely, The Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation and the
RUSSO-AMERICAN BANK, as a permanent
guarantee for the interest on the loan
F. A. AGLEN.

Inspector General of Customs,
and Vice Chairman of the Bureau of
National Loans.

Inspector General of Customs,
Peking, 18th January, 1915. 75

WANTED.

WIRELESS OPERATOR for a Sea
Voyage.

Apply SHIPPIING.
Care of "China Mail" Office.

Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1915. 60

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of the above Company in Hongkong
and are now prepared to grant FIRE and
MARINE policies of Insurance at Current
Rates.

THE CHINA COMMERCIAL CO.,
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Hongkong, January 18, 1915. 40

NOTICE.

L'UNION FIRE INSURANCE
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by Messrs. WYNN & Co., and are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS from this
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Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, January 21, 1915. 52

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£23,622,185.

—Authorized Capital £3,000,000

Subscribed Capital £4,000,000

Paid up Capital £2,497,600

II—Fire Funds—£3,890,114

III—Life & Annuity Funds—£16,138,160

Sinking Fund Account—£8,512

£22,561,268

Revenue Fire Branch—£567,168

Life and Annuity Branches—1,973,289

Revenue Marine Department—262,692

Other Receipts—450,190

£2,283,319

The Accumulative Funds of the various
Branches are separately invested and, by
Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet
the claims under the respective Depart-
ments of the Company's Business.

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LIMITED.

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1.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

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10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

STREET CAR.

8.50 p.m. and 9 p.m. 9.30 p.m. to 11.00
p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of
an hour.

SUNDAY.

7.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Every 15 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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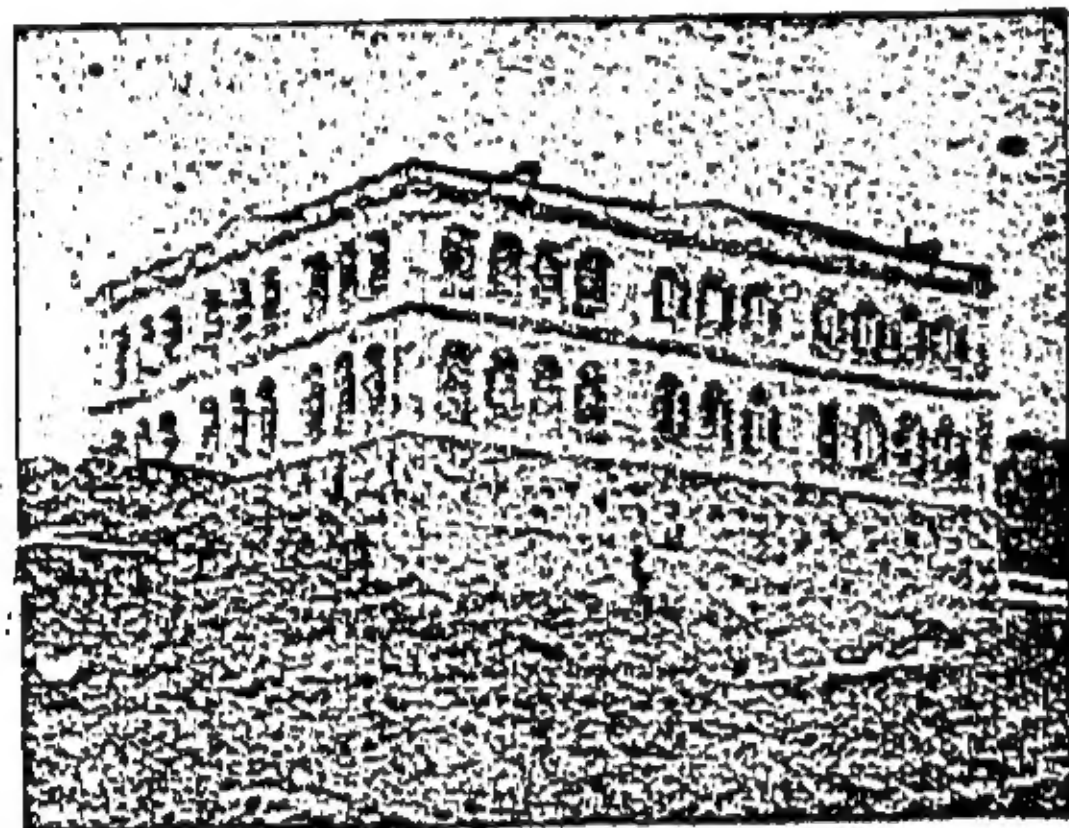
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NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN desiring to leave the

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permission to do so to the Provost Marshal,
Head Quarters Office, at least 48 hours
before the intended hour of departure,
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height,
complexion and occupation of the applicant,
and stating the name of the steamer or
other vessel or the hour of the train by
which the applicant wishes to leave.
Applicants should apply in person for their
pass to the Provost Marshal at Head
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Hongkong, January 26, 1915.

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DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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We have received a New Shipment

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KIPPERS.

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SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Dec. 24.

GOOD RECRUITING RETURNS.

The whole of Scotland has not yet been

covered by the circulars of the Recruiting

Committee. So far as the West of Scotland

is concerned, however, the replies are

distinctly satisfactory. A substantial

number of names of men willing and able

to enlist has been recorded, embracing

from districts which have hitherto not

been so frequently tapped by the recruiting

agencies. A gratifying proportion of

the agricultural population, in the

industrial districts very many who are

employed in the railway service. One

outstanding feature in the returns is the

splendid spirit of patriotism which animates

the women. If Lord Kitchener does not

get all the men he wants it will evidently

not be due to any deterring influence exer-

cised by wives or mothers. One after another

tells how all her men folk have gone to the

front, and expresses the regret that

she has not more to send. A widow, whose

only son has enlisted, says, "I am sorry he

is all I have to do their duty at this time of

need." Another lady, whose husband and

two sons have gone to the front, writes,

"I am proud to say I have 18 sons in the

country in my family." These who have

no men to give are sorry that they cannot

make the sacrifices that are demanded from

other women. A suffragist has a drastic

method for dealing with the fit men who

are prepared to leave home to fight for

their country. "Thank God," she says,

"Another fellow that example is better

than precepts of this kind, authorities her

father, to say that she is 'quite ready

to enlist' if accepted." There are, of

course, one or two women who are

not so patriotic. "Thank God," writes

one, "I am a suit maid, and I have

men to go to the war to shoot and

be shot," while one man, who has the

power to remain and yowse, urges that

"It is my love that will not let me go."

Another striking feature of the replies is

the number of men over the prescribed age

who are willing to be sent to the front. In

one instance a man of 50 years of age

wishes to go, and another of 52 years of

age writes, "I am 52 years of age, but I

am fit and healthy, and I am willing to

go to the front, and I am willing to be

sent to the front, and I am willing to be

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proposing to the Chinese Government

various enterprises which would make for

the better development of the country. As

examples of such enterprises, he instances

the linking up of the Chinese railways

with one another and with those of neigh-

bouring countries, as well as the improve-

ment of China's vast system of navigable

inland waterways.

THE ARMY "CROCHER."

Since the strenuous fighting in Flanders

has given place to a mopping up, nearly

all the fighting operations, the infantry

in the trenches and the artillery in the

forward pits find it difficult on occasion

to while away the time. Informed on

the progress of the war and the nature

and effect of military movements even

in their own particular neighbourhood,

the troops, I am told, are often obedi-

ent to a lively theme of conversation.

In time of peace, "crochering," a

little exercise which no one who knows the

Army understands, invariably fills the

gaps and relieves the monotony of harrack

life. But at the front, according to a

Scottish non-commissioned officer who

has been in the front line, "There isn't a decent 'crocher' left."

No lack is experienced, of good, warm

clothing; and the one-time shortage of

cigarettes and tobacco has long since

been remedied. "We always had the

grub to fall back upon at home," he said

a little gloomily, "but even that has

gone; the grub is first rate." Some

attention has been given to the

separation allowances, but of course only

the married men could entreat over that

peculiar grievance. A promising grumble

relates to the R.O.C. Office charges for

parcels; but there, in the opinion of my

incomparable companion, were altogether

minor affairs, wholly incapable of making

good the loss of the food grumble. "What

with some of Kitchener's men at home

wearing cloth caps while in uniform, and

the serving of beefsteaks at the front,"

was his parting shot. "I don't know that

the Blooming Army is coming to!"

ENGLAND'S OPPORTUNITY.

Mr. Gallwey, M.P. of the Rev. A. Gal-

loway, Minto, Hawick, in the course of a

letter to his father from Shimnoscaki,

Japan (which is opposite Taikang), says, in

reference to the capitulation of Taikang:

—"I think Major Waldeck, the Governor,

showed great sense in surrendering after

the forces he had, and in not holding out

until the place was stormed, as it would

have meant a useless loss of lives

precious to them. You must know that

the majority of the Taikang defenders

were Germans who had been for many

years in business in the East (re-

servation), and it would have been a very

short-sighted policy on their part to

have sacrificed their lives needlessly, as it

would have taken so much longer for them

to build up their Far East trade again with

so many of their experienced men gone. Of

course, as it is, it will take, I suppose, the

rough end of a century for them to get their

business connections back again, and many

things they never will recover at all. Good

chance for England! The Germans are very

energetic in their trade out here, as they are

elsewhere too. They run about and get orders

while the Britisher is apt to sit still too

much and wait till orders come along. We

only seem to bother about the big things,

but the Germans busy themselves with big

and small."

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR FRANCE.

One of the most fruitful results of the

association of French with British, and

especially with Scottish troops, may be the

adoption of porridge as a staple food on

the Gallie Trenches' breakfast table. The

Allies have been much impressed with the

sturdy physique of the kilted troops, and

to all inquiries as to the basis on which

that physique had been built up, they were

surprised at receiving always the same

answer—"porridge." This resulted the

care of the heads of the French Army

Medical Department, who, much concerned

with the alleged wonderful effects of this

curious "white soup," ordered an official

scientific investigation into the whole

matter. Accordingly carefully supervised

"experimental breakfasts" were carried out

on a porridge basis, not, however, in the

first instance among the French troops, who

looked suspiciously on the exotic, but less

fastidious coloured folkmen from

Algeria and the Senegal. The surplus heat

and energy generated by their swarthy

frances by measured quantities of the

Scottish novelty, grimly swallowed, were

daily recorded, and the French scientific

charge of the investigation reported that

the energy producing power of porridge

exceeded that of any other food by about

15 per cent. The next consequence was

that the French Army Medical Department

was to forward a copy of its special report

to the Paris Academy of Medicine for

further discussion, and to commission

some of France's finest public chemists to

analyse some new and palatable form of

porridge more likely than the original to

carry favour with the gastronomic dainti-

ness of the Frenchmen.

STEVENS' FILLING.

Modern criticism is like warfare: de-

struction is the trade of both. It may

appear disparaging to call the critics

"a trade," but fast-finding hardly

deserves a better name. The latest pro-

duct of the critic is levelled at the Stev-

enson tradition, and it has the merit of being

an honest if a perverse piece of work.

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THE DIARY.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

p.m.—"The Grotesques" at the Theatre Royal.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11.30 a.m.—Distribution of prizes at the Diocesan School.
3 p.m.—Garden Fête in the grounds of the H.K. University.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, February 2.—
11.30 a.m.—West Point Co. Meeting.
11.45 a.m.—B.K. Central Estate Meeting.
Noon.—H.K. Land Invest. and Agency Co.'s Meeting.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

WEDNESDAY, February 3.—
Field Day for Volunteers and Reserves.

THURSDAY, February 4.—
Noon.—H.K. U. & M. Steamboat Co.'s Meeting.

FRIDAY, February 5.—
Chinese New Year Day.
Entertainments for the Races.
2 p.m.—Reserves v. Scouts on H.K. Cricket Club ground.

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Hongkong, July 22, 1913.

benefited some special branches. Manufacturers of fire arms, harness, saddlery, &c., are very busy, and the export of grain and feeding stuff goes on at a very high rate; but this is not enough to alleviate the general depression. The war also has been the cause of a number of large engineering contracts being cancelled, or, in any case, left in abeyance for the time being, and both the number of hands and engineers of some of the largest contracting firms have been reduced to half or quarter of their average muster. In some cases a fair amount of consideration is extended to the employees, so that amongst the engineers the single men have to leave first then the married men without children, those with a family being kept as long as possible, though often on a reduced salary. These facts and many others that might be mentioned indicate that in America as elsewhere though far away from the scene of hostilities the great European conflict is having a most serious effect. Such are the ramifications of commercialism in these days that an upheaval is felt in the uttermost parts of the world.

NOT ENEMIES, BUT FRENCH.

When a case in which Mrs. W. Ullmann and Co., Queen's Road, sued San Kwai Mar for the recovery of \$334, was called on in the Summary Court this morning the Plaintiff Judge inquired of Mr. Faithfull, presenting the plaintiff, whether his clients were alien enemies.

"SQUEZZING" DEPORTEES.

A clock employed at the Police Bureau was charged before Mr. Hazland this morning with circulating Chinese coins. A complaint, a deposite, changed \$1 with the defendant and received in exchange Chinese coins.

"THE GROTESQUES."

This little band of entertainers made their debut last night in Hongkong at the Theatre Royal before a fairly large audience. The entertainment is on similar lines as that made familiar by "The Follies," "The Court Cards," and other concert parties, and it may be fairly said that "The Grotesques" compare quite favourably with the best of those companies producing this light, amusing and attractive form of entertainment. "The Grotesques" comprise eight members—three ladies and five gentlemen—and individually and collectively they are able to give an excellent account of themselves as vocalists, dancers, and burlesque actors. Last night's programme was delightfully varied, and from the first item to the last was a source of much enjoyment, as every item was performed with an artistic finish that denotes the true artist and never fails to be highly appreciated by all. Mr. Fred Wain, a comedian of considerable experience, is the ringleader of the party, and a very effective and amusing one. He is particularly good in a burlesque on "A Village Concert," in which he caricatured the part of the good-natured, pompous and somewhat petty character of the village of all. Of the ladies, Miss Edith Grey is the vocalist of the company and knows how to use her voice in mezzo-soprano voice. Miss Irene Greville had many opportunities of proving her remarkable versatility being particularly good in her mimicry of the juvenile performer. Miss Elsie Horton is the light and sparkling comedienne. She dances most gracefully, sings pleasingly and acts with a distinctness that is very attractive. Messrs Hugh Bayly and Ewart Scott are also comedians and make the most of their parts. The former is a clever dancer while the latter shared with Mr. Wain well-merited applause as a most original and droll song entitled "A Round of Golf." Mr. Scott also made a decided 'hit' with his song "Sammy, the Dancing Dragon." One of the most laughable items of the first part of the programme was that entitled "Some Grotesque Musical Impressions," particularly the burlesque of Indian music. Mr. Arthur Argent is a hilarious singer of ex-military songs before a comedian of much talent. His singing of "Up from Somers" and "Jack B. Nimble" were particularly good. He gave him a splendid opportunity of showing his vocal qualities of his voice and he had, on both occasions, to respond to a demand for an encore. In the second part the two principal items were "The Village Concert" and "The Wonders of Peru." The latter was a very heavy laugh from all by their amusing burlesque. In the first item Mr. Wain had a very good part, and he was excellent, and he made the most of his part, being particularly good in his mimicry of the latter. At the piano, the company are very fortunate in having a musician of Mr. Albert Binner's gifts. "The Grotesques" are thoroughly well equipped in every respect to provide a delightfully amusing entertainment, and deserve to meet with much success.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Singapore 10 or 11 days ago was enjoying a cold snap. "Only 79 in the shade."

In to-morrow's "China Mail" will be reproduced a vivid story of the naval battle off the Chilian coast which was fought on Nov. 1st.

Seven deportees who were taken ill on the s.s. Hong Wo on the way from Singapore to Hongkong have been removed to the Tung Wah Hospital.

The London "Daily Telegraph" were able to announce on Dec. 22, that their Belgian Shilling Fund had passed the total of two millions shillings; £200,000.

Mr. M. D. Lendrum of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Ipoh, has received a commission in the Chinese army, and left Singapore for home by the Hiranu Maru.

Dr. John Bell, who lately retired from the position of Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, has been appointed by the War Office a medical examiner of recruits.

Dr. J. A. Bishop of Victoria, 56, in the police records this morning as a complainant. His Lordship stated that somebody had stolen from the hall of his residence, St. Paul's College, an overcoat valued at \$50.

Last night a thief broke into the millinery and dress-making establishment carried on by Madame Gains at 6 Des Voeux Road Central, and stole a length of silk, a guinea, a clock and a pair of scissors; the total value of the articles being \$13.70.

The engagements of the Bishop of Victoria for Sunday are as follow:—9.30 a.m., address the students at St. John's Hall; 11 a.m., Confirmation at St. Paul's Chinese Church; and in the evening conduct service at the Takoo Club Hall, Quarry Bay.

At the chief witness in a charge of larceny, an aged woman, had died since the case was last mentioned, Detective Sergeant Wills, on behalf of Inspector Watt, asked leave to withdraw. Defendant, who was accused of stealing articles from a house in Gaine road, was discharged.

At the Magistrate's court this afternoon, before Mr. Rimland J.P., two Chinese charged on remand with receiving about 20 tons of coal from the s.s. Komagata Maru, part of the cargo consigned to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Hongkong, were again remanded.

From the Financial News:—All the German breweries are now working on "neutral" territory—Sweden, Holland, and Denmark, for example. The profits go to buy bombs and bullets for killing British soldiers and prolonging the war. Boycott all German beer, no matter where it is brewed.

Mr. J. T. Shaw, tailor and outfitter, Queen's Road, obtained judgment against U Fook Hon, of 24, Stanley Street, in an undefended action in the Summary Court this morning for the sum of \$267.70, balance of an account of \$567.70 for clothing and outfitting. Mr. R. C. Faithfull represented plaintiff.

Two small fires occurred yesterday and in each case the outbreak was extinguished before much damage had been done.

The fire-float attended an outbreak in the smoke stack of the Tung Ah Knitting Machine Co. Ltd. The damage, estimated at \$50, is covered by insurance.

The Yauwatt Fire Brigade smartly put out an outbreak of fire which originated through a quantity of fat falling into a charcoal pot on the first floor at 181, Shanghai Street. The damage was slight.

Argument on preliminary legal points arising upon the petition for the winding up of the Yue Hing Company, a wealthy Chinese company presented by a shareholder named Sun Fai Shan, was continued before the Chief Justice to-day. The petitioner alleges fraud and misappropriation of the company's funds by two of the directors, and the argument now proceeding is as to the jurisdiction of the court to deal with such allegations on a winding up petition.

The hearing of the petition proper has been fixed for Tuesday and is expected to occupy the court for three weeks.

SPORTING.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

To-morrow's Matches.

The Club will meet the Police at 4.15 on the Club ground in the closing fixture of the competition for the season.

In the second division, last Saturday's winners, Lam Long, will meet Victoria Rangers and it will be interesting to see how the smart little Chinese players will fare against such big opponents as the Royal Artillerymen from Victoria Barracks. Should they win they will regain the top position in the League from which they were dropped on Wednesday by Queen's College, and they may therefore be depended upon making the gunners "go all the way." The game commences at 2.45.

FOOTBALL CUP DRAW.

No Mid-Week Matches.

VALUE OF THE FINAL.

Apart from the draw itself, the chief business before the Consultative Committee of the Football Association at Russell-square yesterday (Dec. 21) was the consideration of certain proposals from Mr. J. C. Clegg, who presided, dealing with the question of replays. The object was to avoid any conflict in manufacturing districts between Cup-tie mid-week games and work in the factories to the detriment of the latter. The question of playing mid-week replays with closed gates was discussed, but something in the nature of a compromise was effected by the passing of a resolution favouring the replaying of all ties on a Saturday afternoon.

A letter was read from the Manchester City Football Club strongly urging that no Cup-tie should be played on a mid-week. Another communication from the Bury Football Club desired that the existing method of replaying should not be interfered with, this suggestion being made in the interests of the proper clubs. However, the following proposals were agreed to after some discussion:

1. In all matches after the first round which are undecided at the end of ninety minutes play an extra half-hour must be played.

2. A Cup-tie shall be played except on Saturday afternoons.

3. The season shall be extended one day to include Saturday, May 1, and the play postponed matches and also for charity games.

The trustees of the Crystal Palace have informed the Football Association that the commanding officer, representing the Admiralty, had notified the trustees that he would not raise any objection to the first tie of the Football Association Cup competition being played at the Crystal Palace next April.

The Finance Committee of the Football Association, however, have considered the question of venue, and have decided to recommend to the council that the final tie this season should be played in London.

The draw for the first round proper of the Cup, matches to be played on Jan. 9, was made as follows:

West Ham United v. N. West Ham United.
South Shields v. Fulham.
Bury v. Plymouth.
Liverpool v. Stockport.
Gillingham v. Middlesbrough.
Blackpool v. Sheffield United.
Derby County v. Leeds.
Queen's Park Rangers v. Glasgow.
Merthyr Town v. Walsley Arsenal.
Barnsley v. Huddersfield.
Bolton Wanderers v. Notts County.
Cardiff City v. Oldham Athletic.
Exeter v. Barnsley.
Bristol City v. Cardiff.
Darlington v. Bradford City.
Bristol Rovers v. Southampton.
Bradford v. Portsmouth.
Birmingham v. Crystal Palace.
Swindon v. Chelsea.
Sheff. Wednesday v. Manchester United.
Swansea v. B. A. Rovers.
Grimsby v. Northampton.
Preston North End v. Manchester City.
Reading v. Wolverhampton Wanderers.
Aston Villa v. Exeter.
Rochdale v. Gillingham.
Millwall v. Crystal Palace.
Tottenham Hotspur v. Sunderland.
Southampton v. Luton.
Brighton and Hove Albion v. Lincoln City.
Nottingham Forest v. Norwich City.

LORD ROBERTS' WILL.

Lord Roberts left £77,304 of unsettled property, practically everything going to his wife and daughter, including the hundred thousand pounds left for his service in South Africa, with a contingent reversion of the latter for army colleagues.

Two chair coolies, charged this morning with soliciting fares outside the Hongkong Hotel, were discharged by Mr. Wood, the second Police Magistrate, who contended that no offence is committed unless the coolies leave the stands.

A youthful Hindu, who had been banished after a conviction of snatching, visited the Central Station last night and surrendered himself saying he had no money and no work. Defendant said he was a seaman and had returned from the country. Mr. Wood committed him to the House of Detention in the hope that the Police would be able to find him work.

STRAIGHT AT IT.

THERE is no use of our "heating around the bush." We might as well cut with it first as last. We want you to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the next time you have a cough or cold. There is no reason so far as we can see why you should not do so. This preparation by its remarkable action has gained a world-wide reputation, and people everywhere speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is sold by all Chemists and Grocers.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

The following report of the Board of Directors of this Company will be presented at the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Company's office on the 9th prox.

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1914.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, repairs, an interest dividend paid in August last of \$40,000 and all other charges, and after including the sum of \$27,827.75 brought forward from last account, there remains a debit balance of \$12,804.27 which has been carried forward.

The sum of \$92,000 has been with-drawn from the sum standing at credit of Equalization of Dividend Account to provide for the payment of a final dividend of forty cents per share absorbing this sum thus making a dividend of 0 per cent. for the year. The amount standing at credit of Equalization of Dividend Account is now \$218,000.

Heavily increased expenditure, coupled with severe competition on all lines throughout the year, complete cessation of all cargo movements since the commencement of hostilities in August, and greatly decreased passenger traffic during same period due to the same cause and restricted movements of steamers by port regulations, largely account for the poor results of the steamers' working during the period under review.

The usual overhaul and repairs have been effected during the year and the steamers are all in good working order. The cost of the extraordinary repairs to the shell plating and framing of the steamer "Hosam" has been debited to the Special Repairs Fund as provided for as the last general meeting.

A second new steel and concrete wharf has been contracted for at Canton, and is now nearing completion. This wharf is erected on joint account with the China Navigation Co., Ltd.

The regrettable death of Mr. G. Friesland, of Messrs. Melchers and Co., in March last, created a vacancy on the Board and Mr. A. Widmann was nominated by the Directors in his place. Mr. R. Shawan, of Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co., has also been invited to rejoin the Board. Mr. E. Goetz resigned on departure from the Colony and Mr. F. Lieb was nominated by the Directors.

Messrs. H. A. Siebs, M. Steger, F. Lieb, C. Landgraf and A. Widmann resigned their seats on the Board and the Directors nominated Messrs. H. W. Looker and Ho Tung to fill the vacancies subject to the confirmation of the shareholders at this meeting.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. D. Landale and P. H. Holyoak retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

During the absence of Mr. W. H. Potts, the accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Maitland. Mr. W. H. Potts having resigned the Directors recommend the election of Mr. F. Maitland in his stead.

The retiring auditors, Messrs. A. O'D. Gonnin and F. Maitland, offer themselves for re-election.

DAVID LANDALE, Chairman.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1915.

BALANCE SHEET, ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1914.

1914.
Dec. 31, Amount of Capital, 80,000 Shares @ \$15 each fully paid up \$1,200,000.00
Amount at Credit of "Depreciation" and "Insurance Fund," 600,000.00
Amount at Credit of "Equalization of Dividend Fund," 218,000.00
Amount at Credit of "Investment Fluctuation Account," 107,911.90
Amount at Credit of "Special Reserve," 3,189.25
Unclaimed Dividends, 2,171.00
Sundry Creditors, 51,329.25
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Current Account, 107,419.02
Final Dividend A/c 1914, transferred from "Equalization of Dividend Fund," 32,000.00
\$2,380,360.49

1914.

Dec. 31, Value of Steamers:
"Hosam," "Tel-shan," "Pui An," "Sui Tai," and "Hoi Sang," 4th of "Kianhan," and 3rd of "Saiwan," "Nanning," "Lian-tan," and "Saiwan," 181,993.20
Value of Lighters, "Sunlee" and "Wolse," 3,000.00
Value of Wharves, Hulks and Moorings, 181,993.20
Value of Properties at Canton, Wuchow and Kowloon, 108,709.84
Value of Spare Gear and Stores, 24,856.28
Value of Furniture, 1,000.00
Value of Shares in Public Companies, 447,407.00
Loans on Mortgage, 107,000.00
Interest Accrued, 215.40
Sundry Debitors, 10,832.11
Accounts Receivable, 44,127.72
Marine and Fire Insurance Premiums, 12,320.50
Amount at Debit of Profit and Loss A/c, 12,604.27
\$2,380,360.49

Hongkong, 26th January, 1915.

DAVID LANDALE, Chairman.
R. SHAWAN, Directors.
We report that we have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Company in Hongkong and with the returns from the Company's Agents. We have also verified the Securities representing the investments, and in our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31st December, 1914, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Company. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

A. O'D. GONNIN, Auditors.
F. MAITLAND, Auditors.

COMMERCIAL.

FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Snowman & Co. report having received advices dated London 18th December last as follows:—

We have to advise a continuance of the exorbitant rates Owners have been securing during the past few weeks. The only week markets are the Far Eastern, where Charterers were able to secure tonnage at further reduced rates. American freights have now reached an unrecanted level and Owners are able to demand almost any figure. These high rates, however, do not represent actual profit to Shipowners, who are faced with greatly increased wages, long detentions and extra insurance. Charterers evidently anticipate a continuance of the present high rates, as they are freely taking up tonnage for six and twelve months time charter at high rates, large boats being plentiful for six months at 9/- on d.w. Charterers are having to pay enormous rates for their cargoes, 60/- per ton having been paid for ultra from W.C.S.A. to Holland, 55/- from Plate to Scandinavia, 47/- net charter from Gulf to Denmark, whilst U.S.A. grain shippers have paid over 8/- to Mediterranean.

Far East.—Owing to the comparative weakness of these markets, we were able to secure a handy load from Vladivostok to Dalny to two ports U. K. at 38/-.

Time Charter.—The enquiry for tonnage on this basis has increased, but there has been comparatively little business effected although Charterers are offering good rates. The figures that can be secured at present on voyage basis are such that Owners require to be tempted with exceptionally high prices before they will direct their attention to Time Charter. Tonnage seems very scarce, and Owners who have boats are holding for rates which six months ago would have been described as enormous. For instance, a large prompt boat has been offered practically 9/8 on the d.w. with delivery United States for 6 months trading, but the charter has not yet been concluded and there are other firm orders in the market for 6 months at 1/2, whilst for 12 months with delivery Gulf towards end of January tonnage can easily secure 7/6. With rates to business done practically all the fixtures reported are with delivery on this side, and for one round trip to the Gulf of Mexico 2/3 steamers have been secured at 8/- and for one Mediterranean round at 8 1/2, whilst for 6 months South American trading Charterers have also had to pay 8/-.

It is also reported that a steamer has been continued for six months from May next at 5/-.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ending 31st Dec. 1914.

1914.
Dec. 31, To Amount paid for repairs to steamers, lighters and wharves, \$50,557.72
To Directors and Auditors' Fees, 8,800.00
To Interest on Dividend of \$1.50 per share paid on 14th Aug., 1914, 40,000.00
Cr. \$108,357.72

1914.

Dec. 31, By Amount brought forward from last Account, \$27,827.75
By Net Earnings of Steamers, 28,088.97
By Income from Investments, 35,588.58
By Transfer Fees, 180.00
By Unclaimed dividends, 1,111.75
By Amount to be carried forward to New Account, 12,004.27
\$108,357.72

DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE FUND.

For the year ending 31st December, 1914.

1914.
Dec. 31, To Balance, \$600,000.00
Cr. \$600,000.00

EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDEND FUND.

For the year ending 31st December, 1914.

1914.
Dec. 31, To Final Dividend of 40 cents per share A/c 1914, \$32,000.00
To Balance, 218,000.00
Cr. \$250,000.00

1913.

Dec. 31, By Amount at Credit \$4,444.71
1914, forward from Profit and Loss A/c for year ending 31st December, 1913, 30,000.00
Cr. \$34,444.71

SPECIAL REPAIRS FUND.

For the year ending 31st December, 1914.

1914.
Dec. 31, To Sundry Disbursements, \$3,255.45
To Balance, 3,189.25
Cr. \$6,444.70

1913.

Dec. 31, By Amount at Credit \$4,444.71
1914, forward from Profit and Loss A/c for year ending 31st December, 1913, 30,000.00
Cr. \$34,444.71

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A. O'D. GONNIN, Auditors.
F. MAITLAND, Auditors.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WAR.

RUSSIA AND PEACE
OVERTURES.

A SNUB TO GERMANY.

FRENCH MINISTER OF MARINE VISITS
ENGLAND.

ROMANIA PREPARING FOR WAR.

GERMANS LOSE 20,000 MEN IN THREE DAYS.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 5.55 p.m.

A Paris communique states that according to the number of dead found on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Ypres, La Bassée, Croisette, Argonne, Woëvre, and the Vosges, the enemy's losses were over 20,000.

A CAPTURED ZEPPELIN.

A Havas telegram states that a Zeppelin flew over Sibau, but was shot down by Russian artillery.

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

Maj.-General Kelly has received the following telegram, dated Jan. 28, from the Chief of the General Staff, Delhi:—
All quiet on the Frontier and in India.

VISIT OF A FRENCH STATESMAN TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 4.10 p.m.

The French Minister of Marine, M. Auguste, who has just terminated a visit to London, authorised Reuter to state that he had an audience of the King and attended a series of conferences with Mr. Winston Churchill, in reference to the disposition and employment of the naval forces of the two countries. These conferences showed that the views of the two statesmen are in conformity and demonstrated the close solidarity of the two governments. M. Auguste also saw Mr. Asquith, Lord Haldane, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Curzon and Mr. Balfour, and also visited the Arsenal and Portsmouth Naval dockyard.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

1,000 DEAD GERMANS LEFT ON THE FIELD.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 2.15 a.m.

The Paris evening communique states:—
The enemy attempted a coup de main last night in the Sunnart wood, in the district of Trigny-le-Val. After a sharp fusillade they exploded mines, wrecking our trenches on a front of 50 metres, but our artillery prevented the enemy establishing himself and the trenches have since been re-occupied.

West of Croonne the night has been quiet.
After a prolonged and intense bombardment by heavy guns, the German infantry attacked our front at Fleurbaix, Foulon Wood, but were everywhere repulsed with heavy loss except at La Creute, where a landslide, caused by heavy projectiles, blocked the entrance to a quarry employed to shelter two companies, which were caught.

The enemy, having thus gained a footing, crept into Foulon Wood and rendered untenable the adjoining trenches, which we evacuated. Our counter-attacks, which enabled us to recover a good part of the ground, were of the most brilliant character. The ardour of our troops was beyond praise.

The enemy's losses were the heaviest. They left a thousand corpses behind. The prisoners belong to four different regiments, which shows the importance of the attack.

Four German attacks at St. Hubert, Argonne, were vigorously repulsed.

Everything is quiet elsewhere.

AT THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

FIGHTING OVER A LARGE AREA.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 12.10 p.m.

A Petrograd communique states that fighting continues at Ladsenen, Malwischen, Newing and Insterburg.

The Germans resumed their repeated attacks at Borjomi, but all were repulsed.

Extensive fighting is proceeding in Galicia, and also along the entire front from Dukla Pass to Wyssok.

TURKS MARCHING AGAINST EGYPT.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

An Athens telegram reports that the ex-Minister, Djemal Pasha, has been appointed Generalissimo of the Egyptian campaign and that three Army Corps are marching against Egypt.

GERMANY DESIRES PEACE WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

The Russian Ambassador in London has authorised Reuter's Agency to announce, in reference to continued reports that Germany desires a separate peace with Russia, that there has not been, is not and can never be any question of Russia taking any steps apart from the Allies.

ROMANIA PREPARING FOR WAR.

British Loan to Rumania.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Arrangements have been made by the Bank of England to advance to Rumania £5,000,000 against Rumanian treasury bills.

A Rumanian Finance Commission has been in London some weeks.

(British Foreign Office Telegram.)

Y.C.'S FOR GALLANT INDIANS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Up to the present, two Indian soldiers have gained the Victoria Cross. The first, a Sepoy in the 129th Baluchis, was the sole survivor of a gallant machine-gun section which fought to the last and inflicted immense losses on the enemy. The second, of 39th Garwhalis, won distinction when a part of the British trenches were occupied by Germans. Traversing after traversing of the captured trenches was stormed. The heroic Sepoy was always first in the attack, although wounded, and he only fell when the trenches had been entirely taken. He has but lately recovered.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(British Foreign Office Telegram.)

TURKISH DEFEAT NEAR KORNIA.

The True Account.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

With regard to a recent statement in the German official war news, as coming from Constantinople, to the effect that the British offensive against Turkish troops near Kornia had been repulsed with heavy loss, the true account of these operations has now been received. A reconnaissance from Mezer discovered a Turkish force to the south of the Ratta canal. The Turks were driven across the canal with severe loss, and the British force shelled their dhows and camp, driving the enemy back in disorder. The British casualties were about 30.

WAR NEWS.

The supplement to a Petrograd newspaper reproduces a map of future Europe found in the wallet of a dead German officer. According to this map, only Cornwall and Devon will remain English, the rest of England being a German colony. Scotland and Ireland are marked separate kingdoms. The German Empire extends from Havre to Kronstadt and Petrograd, excluding Holland and Denmark. Northern France is described as German Crown land and Poland as a kingdom allied to Germany. South-Western Russia is incorporated.

LIGHTS DOWN IN PARIS.

Paris, Jan. 18.

Paris: The police have ordered a general diminution of lights to be made possible, in order to save fuel.

CONTRABAND.

London, Jan. 18.

Vancouver: The Japanese steamer Mexico and the American steamer Governor are detained on a charge that part of their cargoes is contraband.

THE YALIAN ALLIES.

London, Jan. 17.

On the occasion of the Russian New Year, Lord Kitchener and Grand Duke Nicholas exchanged cordial telegrams wishing success to the valiant Allies.

SERBIAN'S GRAT HAUL.

The Rome journal Corriere della Sera learns from Nish that in the battle at Belgrade, the Austro-Hungarians lost 60,000 men killed and wounded. The full list of the captures made by the Serbians is as follows:—

80,000 prisoners.
3 flags.
121 guns.
59 mortars.
50 Maxim.
322 wagons laden with ammunition.
2,700 horses.
3 bands.
32 field kitchens.
After the evacuation of Belgrade the Serbians further captured:—
4 flags.
150 guns and Maxim.
1,200 horses.
150 provision wagons.
180,000 rifles.

17 BROTHERS IN THE ARMY.

A Wellington (Slop) correspondent telegraphs that a farm servant, named John Davies, who enlisted recently at the local recruiting department in the Army Service Corps, made the seventeenth brother in one family in the Army.
Two of his brothers are in Lord Kitchener's Army, two in the Welsh Fusiliers, and 12 in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Fourteen of the family are on active service.
Sergeant Davies, the father, died in India when serving in the Shropshire Regiment, and the mother of the family lives near Church Street, Salop.

WATERY CHRISTMAS.

London, Jan. 20.

In a letter, a private in the Second Coldstream says: There was no fraternising between us and the Germans at Christmas. We had a terrible fight from December 22 to Christmas night, following our capture of trenches. Finding it impossible to expel us with bombs they broke the great dyke on December 23 and tried to drown us. The water was four feet deep.
The Germans attacked us at night but after four hours they retired beaten. The only thing that worried us was the poor wounded who were drowned, as it was impossible to save them.
The third battalion on December 23 arrived and feverishly dug trenches and relieved us.

VANDALISM AT RHEIMS.

The French Ambassador communicates a memorandum on the bombardment of Rheims Cathedral in which the German allegations that the French used the cathedral for military purposes are categorically denied. On the contrary, the French hoisted the Geneva flag and established a hospital there. It is further maintained that the Germans, when in possession of the town, used the cathedral tower for observation, and after evacuation subjected the cathedral to malicious and deliberate bombardment.

General von der Ferte, in Der Tag, admits the truth of the French allegation and promises similar treatment of any historical buildings of a kind which may hamper the German military designs.

CLAIM TO A RECORD.

There must be many Singaporeans, says the "Pioneer Times," who remember Lieut. H. R. Thomas, who was killed at Hoeng-kong Station, R.O.C., who was stationed here for some time until he went home, over two years ago, to leave flying. They may, therefore, be interested to read a letter written by his father to the Overseas Mail, dated from Black River, Jamaica, West Indies. With pardonable pride the latter writes:—
"I have all my five sons serving their King and country in this war, as follows:—
No. 1, H. R. Thomas, Lieutenant in the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

No. 2, F. H. Thomas, Lieutenant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, Instructor of Musketry to the Fleet on the China Station, borne in H.M.S. Triumph.

No. 3, A. C. Thomas, Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery; was at Gibraltar on declaration of war, and when I believe, the Gibraltar garrison has been relieved by Territorials and sent to the front.

No. 4, R. P. Thomas, Lieutenant in the 129th Baluchian Infantry, Indian Army; and

No. 5, G. M. Thomas, midshipman in H.M.S. Colossus, First Battle Squadron, North Sea Fleet.

All my boys are, like myself, Jamaica born. I am an inspector in the Jamaica Constabulary Force (we are liable for military service) of nearly thirty-eight years' standing.

I rather think that my contribution to the defence of the Empire constitutes a record for the Colonies.

JACK TAR'S LOT.

The following extract from a letter from a British naval officer is interesting. After referring to some warm clothing which was sent him, he says:—"These things would not be of much use for some of the weather we get. We were out a few nights ago and it was bitter and made worse by the sea continually washing over us. You can have oilskins and sea boots and all the rest of it on, but it gets through. The Admiralty are looking after us very well. We have had extra clothing supplied which is very thick, also oilskins, a blanket, gloves, mittens, woolen blankets, a blanket overalls, made of blanket stuff and other things, so we are not so badly off. The great trouble is to get them dry. We are bound to get wet if the weather is bad, no matter how we wrap up. And it is always bad weather now. We can gather a bit from this what Jack-Tar is doing for us."

SOLDIER'S STORY.

Seventeen Explosions.

FAMINATING EXPERIENCE.

"A story, remarkable for its clearness and wealth of detail, is told in a representative of The Daily Telegraph recently by Colour Sergeant Johnston, of the King's Royal Rifle, stationed at Sheerness, who arrived at King's-cross on Dec. 17 after a visit to his parents, whose home is in Rothbury-street, Scarborough.
Colour-Sergeant Johnston, whose father is a retired police detective-inspector, was in Sheerness when the Baltic was blown up. This is the story he told of the Scarborough bombardment:—
"I had breakfast with my people some-where about 7.30, and, having collected one or two parcels and wished them 'good-bye,' left the house shortly before eight o'clock. The morning was dull and hazy, you would call it—but for this time of the year not so dark as you would suppose. I had not left Rothbury-street more than a few minutes when I heard an explosion. At first I could scarcely believe that it was anything else but firing at sea, but when there was another crash I realised that something out of the ordinary was happening. So I rushed back to our house, and, as I expected, found my father and mother in a serious state of nerves."

"They were not quite sure whether the noise, which was still 'going on,' was thunder, and were in that frame of mind when they liked to think it was nothing worse. I knew it was no thunder, but I did not wish to alarm them. I told them that there was some firing at sea—a sort of practice—but that it would be just as well if they sat tight. Then I left, and made my way to the railway station, for my leave was up and I was due back at Sheerness in the afternoon. I had not gone far when the fragments of a shell brought a chimney-top toppling over in Barwick-street. Crash it came as I was walking along."

"The experience, though it led to my wondering what was really going to happen, did not scare me; for a reason which I cannot explain it was a fascinating experience. I determined to take full stock of things. Bang, bang, bang! I heard the guns go, and I counted seventeen distinct and separate explosions. I saw two houses in West-square struck and the fire was out of range—that is, if the purpose was to damage the town for the rest must have fallen in the suburbs."

"The excitement, as you may suppose, was tremendous and, as it seemed, people came rushing from everywhere, making for what they hoped to be a place of safety. The majority of these were women of the working classes, and most of them rushed along the street with their hair disordered. Many of them had their children with them, and most of the little ones were crying; not a few were without shoes or stockings. They made for the railway station, and their condition forced home the reality of war as nothing else has done or could do. These people came from Sheerness and all the little pieces round about."

"I said, it was shortly before eight o'clock that the first crash was fired. The flash of the explosives was quite distinct. Precisely what damage was done I cannot, of course, say, for I was due to leave Scarborough at 8.30."

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

JAPAN'S DEMANDS FROM CHINA.

PEKING, Jan. 28.

On account of the demands made by Japan, Luk Chung Yu, the Minister in Tokio, has been severely blamed by the Government.

A NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Luk Ching Cheong has been appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs.

JOSS AS PLAINTIFF.

SUES ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.

The discovery was made in the Summary Court this morning that a Chinese joss known as Tak Lung had been joined as plaintiff in an action for the recovery of money lent to a Chinese.

When the case was called by the court bailiff a woman came forward and said she was the second plaintiff. The Justice asked where Tak Lung, the first plaintiff, was, and some amusement was called when the woman said that Tak Lung is the joss of the temple in which she is a priestess.

His Lordship (to Mr. Heywood, representing defendant): Apparently you gave the joss a promissory note!

The priestess explained through the interpreter that she is connected with a society, which collects subscriptions for the support of the worship of this particular joss, and having funds in hand the society lent out some of the money.

His Lordship remarked that he had never heard such a thing before. The woman was not bright in joining the joss as plaintiff, but Mr. Heywood must take no legal objection to the and could not get costs except as against the second plaintiff in the event of judgment being in his favour.

The action will be heard to-morrow week.

The same defendant admitted a claim of \$120 by the priestess and judgment was accordingly entered in her favour.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

The under-mentioned members having joined the Corps have been posted as follows:—

Sapper R. Wallace, C. Dickens, and D. McNeillie, to Engineer Company.
LEAVE.
Pte. F. Bevington to 25.F.15, Pte. G. Ho to 15.L.16, Pte. H. H. Bond to 11.L.16, Gr. H. E. Hollands to 27.F.15, and Pte. J. Hector to 25.L.16.

ENGINEER COMPANY AND RESERVE SECTION.
The following paragraph from (farewell) Orders by Colonel W. Baker Brown, Chief Engineer, China Command, is published for information:—

He also wishes specially to thank Capt. Russell and the N.C.O.'s, and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Engineer Co. and Volunteer Reserve, whose valuable assistance has enabled a considerable number of the Officers and men of the R.E.C. to be sent home to assist in the formation of the new armies.

PARADES.

Parades for Saturday, 30th inst., nil.
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February 1, Centre Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 2, Civil Service Company; Feb. 3, Light Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 4, Scouts Company; Feb. 5, Scouts Company; Feb. 6, Scouts Company; Feb. 7, No. 2 Section Artillery; Feb. 8, No. 1 Section Artillery and Left Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 9, Centre Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 10, Civil Service Company; Feb. 11, Right Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 12, Scouts Company; Feb. 13, Scouts Company; Feb. 14, Scouts Company.

DETAILS.
Orderly Officer, Lieut. C. Smith.
Orderly Sergeant, Sergt. Hegarty.
To furnish Guard to-night, Scouts Company; to-morrow, No. 2 Section Artillery.

PRISONERS BADLY TREATED.

London, Jan. 16.

The Russian Foreign Office has issued an appalling report on the subject of the ill-treatment of Russian subjects in Germany since the beginning of the war. A Russian Senator was stripped naked and thrown into prison with criminals, while crowds of Russian tourists were huddled in uncleaned cattle-trucks, stables and pigsties. Women and children, often ill, were hurried through the streets and many fell from exhaustion. Russians were often deprived of food and water for days, and on one occasion 80 Russians including 25 women, were allowed to leave railway carriages once in seventy hours. The ill-treatment caused a number of deaths and mental derangements.

RUSSIA'S STABILITY.

Trade and Industry Quite Prosperous.

London, Jan. 16.

Petrograd: The Minister of Finance, in a statement accompanying the Russian budget, strikingly illustrates Russia's powers of recuperation. After the upset caused by the war, goods traffic on the railways and trade generally are gradually approaching normal. The famous fair at Nijni Novgorod showed satisfactory results, and the disturbance of the labour market is remarkably small, largely due to an increase in the productivity of workers due to the abolition of the sale of spirits, which is compensating for the loss of men called to the colours.

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No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
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All claims must be filed on or before MONDAY, 15th February, otherwise they will not be recognized.
O. WURIU,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1915.

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THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Connecting Steamer	Leave YOKOHAMA	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave HONGKONG	Leave MARSEILLES	Leave LONDON
Jan. 4	ARADIA	Jan. 12	18 MALOJA	Feb. 13	Feb. 19
Jan. 13	NUBIA	Jan. 21	28 MOULTAN	Feb. 27	Mar. 5
Mar. 1	ARADIA	Mar. 9	18 MALOJA	Mar. 13	Mar. 19
Mar. 1	SARDINIA	Mar. 9	18 MALOJA	Mar. 13	Mar. 19
Mar. 1	ARADIA	Mar. 9	18 MALOJA	Mar. 13	Mar. 19
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THE ATTENTION OF PASSENGERS IS DRAWN TO THE Accelerated Arrival of the Mail Steamers at Marseilles, Plymouth & London. These vessels will now arrive in Marseilles on Friday & London on the following Friday.

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO.

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The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows:—

1st SALOON	2nd SALOON	3rd SALOON	4th SALOON	5th SALOON	6th SALOON
Accommodation SINGLE	Accommodation SINGLE	Accommodation SINGLE	Accommodation SINGLE	Accommodation SINGLE	Accommodation SINGLE
£27.	£27.	£27.	£27.	£27.	£27.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leave YOKOHAMA	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave HONGKONG	Leave MARSEILLES	Leave LONDON
Jan. 4	ARADIA	Jan. 12	18 MALOJA	Feb. 13	Feb. 19
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1st SALOON £24 SINGLE.

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ALL Passenger Steamers are fitted with the Marconi System of Wireless Telegraphy.

THE ABOVE RATES ARE SUBJECT TO A SURTAX OF 10%.

For further particulars apply to

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	Displacement	SAILING DATES
MARSEILLES & LONDON	SEAMO MARU	18,000 tons	THURSDAY, 11th Feb. at 10 a.m.
VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUZUKI AND PORT SAID	KASHIMA MARU	18,000 tons	THURSDAY, 25th Feb. at 10 a.m.
VICTORIA, H.O. & SEAT	SADO MARU	18,000 tons	TUESDAY, 9th Feb. at Noon.
VIA SHANGHAI, MOI, ROBE, YOKKAICHI & YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA MARU	18,000 tons	TUESDAY, 23rd Feb. at Noon.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	HITACHI MARU	18,000 tons	FRIDAY, 12th Feb. at Noon.
VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	TANGO MARU	18,000 tons	FRIDAY, 12th Feb. at Noon.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON	TANGO MARU	18,000 tons	TUESDAY, 9th Feb. at Noon.
NAGASAKI, ROBE & YOKOHAMA	MISHIMA MARU	18,000 tons	TUESDAY, 2nd Feb. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, ROBE & YOKKAICHI	KAWACHI MARU	18,000 tons	MONDAY, 15th February.
SHANGHAI & ROBE	KAWACHI MARU	18,000 tons	MONDAY, 15th February.

§ Wireless Telegraphy.

PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1915.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamers	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
KAMU MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 11th February.
KASHIMA MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 25th February.
MISHIMA MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 11th March.
SUYA MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 25th March.
ATSUKA MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 22nd April.
YASAKA MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 22nd April.
MIYAKI MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 22nd April.
KITANO MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 22nd April.
FUSHIMA MARU	18,000 tons	Thursday, 22nd April.

FOR AMERICA.

Steamers	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
SADO MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 23rd February.
YOKOHAMA MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 23rd February.
AWA MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 23rd February.
SHIDZUKA MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 23rd February.
TAMBA MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 23rd February.
SAHO MARU	12,500 tons	Tuesday, 23rd February.

KUSUMOTO, Manager.

Telephone No. 232.

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S.S. 'PANAMA MARU' Capt. J. Kanno.....Thursday, 4th Feb. at 3 p.m.

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For TAMEI AND KEELUNG VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. 'DAIGI MARU' Capt. S. Tokunaga.....Sunday, 31st Jan. at 10 a.m.

S.S. 'DAIJIN MARU' Capt. K. Murakami.....Sunday, 7th Feb. at 10 a.m.

For ANPING AND TAKOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

S.S. 'SOSU MARU' Capt. K. Hattori.....Wednesday, 3rd Feb. at 8 a.m.

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S.S. 'CHINESE PRINCE'.....On or about 8th February, 1915.

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Hongkong, January 18, 1915.

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DESTINATION	VESSELS	AGENTS	DATE OF LEAVING
Australia Ports, &c.	Empire	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Feb. 2, at 11 a.m.
Australia Ports, &c.	Empire	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Feb. 13, at 11 a.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Empire	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Feb. 3, at 8 a.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Empire	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Feb. 3, at 8 a.m.
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Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Empire	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Feb. 3, at 8 a.m.
Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	Empire	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Feb. 3, at 8 a.m.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

Time Table - From 1st October 1914.

TIME	PLACES	TIME
OUT		
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